

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of disinfecting a contact lens comprising the steps of:
 - preparing a disinfecting liquid which contains water-dispersible fine particles of a titanium oxide dispersed in an aqueous medium;
 - immersing said contact lens in said disinfecting liquid; and
 - irradiating said disinfecting liquid in which said contact lens is immersed, with a light.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said fine particles of the titanium oxide have an average particle size of not larger than 15 nm.
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said fine particles of the titanium oxide are present in said disinfecting liquid in a concentration of 1~100 ppm.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said disinfecting liquid further contains sodium chloride.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein said sodium chloride is present in said disinfecting liquid in a concentration range of 0.7~1.2 wt.%.

6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said disinfecting liquid further contains at least one of a chelating agent, a buffer, a surface active agent, a thickener, a preservative, a germicide and an oxidizing agent.
7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein said oxidizing agent is a hydrogen peroxide.
8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein said hydrogen peroxide is present in said disinfecting liquid in a concentration range of 10~300 ppm.
9. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein said disinfecting liquid further contains at least one metal ion, together with said oxidizing agent.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said light is selected from the group consisting of a natural light, an ultraviolet light, a visible light, a light emitted from an incandescent lamp, and a light emitted from a fluorescent lamp.
11. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said disinfecting liquid is irradiated with said light having a wavelength of 320~410 nm.
12. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein said light has an intensity in a range of 0.1~50 mW/cm² at a wavelength of about 365 nm.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A contact lens disinfecting liquid which exhibits a disinfecting effect with respect to a contact lens by being irradiated with a light, wherein the improvement comprises:
said contact lens disinfecting liquid containing water-dispersible fine particles of a titanium oxide which are dispersed in an aqueous medium, and wherein said fine particles of said titanium oxide have an average particle size of not larger than 15 nm~~A contact lens disinfecting liquid according to claim 13, and~~
wherein said fine particles of ~~the~~ said titanium oxide are present in said contact lens disinfecting liquid in a concentration of 1~100 ppm.
16. (Currently Amended) A contact lens disinfecting liquid according to claim ~~13~~15, further containing sodium chloride.
17. (Currently Amended) A contact lens disinfecting liquid according to claim ~~13~~15, further containing an oxidizing agent.
18. (Original) A contact lens disinfecting liquid according to claim 17, wherein said oxidizing agent is a hydrogen peroxide.
19. (Original) A contact lens disinfecting liquid according to claim 17, further containing at least one metal ion.
20. (Previously Presented) A contact lens disinfecting liquid according to claim 18, wherein said oxidizing agent is present in a concentration range of 10 ppm to 300 ppm.